

**St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church**  
**09-10 Faith Formation Schedule**  
**Grade Four**

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| Date   | Session Information   |
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| <b>2009</b><br><b>September/October</b><br>Sept. 28-30 Welcome!<br>Oct. 5-7<br><b>12-14</b><br>19-21<br>26-28  | First Session/ <b>Parent Meeting*</b> ; Ch. 1 "God's Plan"; Large Group All<br>Regular Session; Ch. 2 "God is Faithful"; <i>Large Group 4-6</i><br><b>No Sessions - MEA Week</b><br>Regular Session; Ch. 3 "The 10 Commandments"; NO Large Group<br>Regular Session; Safety Program; Large Group All  |
| <b>November</b><br><i>1 Holy Day of Obligation</i><br>2-4<br>9-11<br>16-18<br><b>23-25</b>   | <i>All Saints Day</i><br>Regular Session; Ch. 11 "Models of Faith"; <i>Large Group 4-6</i><br>Regular Session; Ch. 4 "In God's Image"; NO Large Group<br>Regular Session; Ch. 7 "You are Blessed"; <i>Large Group 4-6</i><br><b>No Sessions - Happy Thanksgiving!</b>   |
| <b>December</b><br>Nov 30 -Dec 2 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Week Advent<br><br><i>8 - Holy Day of Obligation</i><br>7-9 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week Advent<br>14-16 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week Advent<br><b>21-23 - 4<sup>th</sup> Week Advent</b><br><b>28-30</b> | Regular Session; Pp. 12-15, "Advent", and Ch. 16 "The Church Year" NO Large Group<br><i>Feast of The Immaculate Conception of Mary; Mass at 7:00 pm</i><br>Regular Session; Ch. 8 "The Great Commandment", <i>Large Group 4-6</i><br>Regular Session; Pp. 16-19 "God's Greatest Gift"; Christmas Party<br><b>No Sessions - Merry Christmas!</b><br><b>No Sessions - Happy New Year!</b> |
| <b>2010</b><br><b>January</b><br><i>1 - Holy Day of Obligation</i><br>4-6<br>11-13<br>17, 24, 31 Parish Mission<br><b>18-20</b><br>25-27   | <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i><br>Regular Session; Ch. 9 "Honoring God"; NO Large Group<br>Regular Session; Ch. 12 "The Church Teaches"; <i>Large Group 4-6</i><br>"Tell the Story" Parish Mission; Sunday evenings after 5:30 pm Mass<br><b>No Sessions - MLK Holiday</b><br>Regular Session; Ch. 13 "Family Love", NO Large Group  |
| <b>February</b><br>1-3<br>8-10<br><b>15-17</b><br>17 Ash Wednesday<br>22-24 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Week Lent  | Regular Session; Ch. 14 "Choosing Life", St. Blase Throat Blessing All<br>Regular Session; Ch. 15 "Live in Truth", NO Large Group<br><b>No Sessions - President's Day Holiday</b><br>Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 pm<br>Regular Session; Pp. 24-27 "Lent", <i>Large Group 4-6</i>  |
| <b>March</b><br>1-3 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week Lent<br><br>8-10 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week Lent<br>15-17 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Week Lent<br>22-24 - 5 <sup>th</sup> Week Lent<br><b>29-31 - Holy Week</b>  | Regular Session; Ch. 17 "The Seven Sacraments" and Safety, NO Large Group<br>Regular Session; Ch. 19 "A Generous Spirit", <i>Large Group 4-6</i><br>Regular Session; Ch. 20 "The Church in the World", Large Group All<br>Regular Session; Pp. 28-31, "Suffering Servant", <i>Stations of the Cross</i><br><b>No Sessions - District 279 Spring Break</b>                               |
| <b>April</b><br><b>4 - Holy Day of Obligation</b><br>5-7<br>12-14<br>19-21<br>27   | <b>Easter Sunday Alleluia!</b><br>Regular Session; Ch. 21 "I Want to See God"; NO Large Group<br>Regular Session; "10 Commandments Review" <i>Large Group 4-6</i><br>Final Session; Pp. 36-39 "The Power of the Holy Spirit"; Pentecost Party<br>Closing Mass "Go Out And Tell the Story"; Social time after Mass   |
|  | <b>*Parent Meeting after Large Group for 30 minutes on first night.</b>   |

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**Grade Four Learning Objectives**

As children grow and mature, so does their faith. Knowledge and practice of their faith can be taught in the home and in Faith Formation sessions; desire for and acceptance of faith in their lives is an individual growth process that can take a lifetime. At every grade level, the four pillars of Catholic doctrine (Belief, Worship, Prayer, Christian Living) will be taught. Children will learn about the basic tenets of our Catholic Christian faith every year at the appropriate level of understanding for their age. Specifically, children will learn about Scripture, the Holy Trinity, Jesus Christ, the Church, morality, sacraments, liturgy and prayer, and the kingdom of God. The following Learning Objectives summarize what is learned and practiced at each grade level. Prayers to be memorized by heart are in **bold**.

By the end of **Grade Four**, the child should have a knowledge and understanding of the following key concepts:

- We can know God through Scripture and Tradition, which includes praying the **Rosary** as well as knowing and obeying the **10 Commandments**.
- Jesus gave us the Greatest Commandment - to love God with all your heart, strength and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself.
- **The Beatitudes** show us how to live and act as followers of Jesus, and also describe the reign of God that Jesus announced.
- Jesus gave the leaders of the Church the authority to interpret Scripture and Tradition for the faithful, under the direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

***First Reconciliation Information***

A letter and form for selection of a date for First Reconciliation will be sent to **parents of children registered for the sacrament**, on or before October 1, 2009.

**Parent Meeting (Mandatory):** October 12 or 22, 2009

At this time, parents will receive packets of materials for home preparation.

**Parent/Child Retreat (Mandatory):** November 23 or 24, 2009

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on January 7 or 9, 2010. *Special requests must be approved; please contact Faith Formation if there are special needs or circumstances.*

Parish Communal Reconciliation Services will be held on Sunday, December 20, 2009 at 7:30 pm and on Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 7:30 pm.